

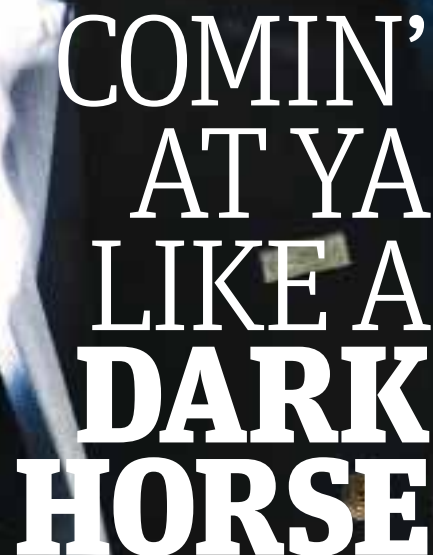
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Brooklyn pol convicted on charges of bribery

Guilty. Assemblyman William Boyland Jr. was convicted on 21 counts.

Assemblyman William Boyland Jr., was convicted on Thursday for soliciting bribes from undercover FBI agents.

Prosecutors argued that Boyland, 43, tried to secure more than \$250,000 in bribes from the agents pos-

ing as developers looking for help with a real estate project.

The jury convicted the Brooklyn Democrat after about four hours on all 21 counts of bribery, extortion and mail fraud. He could be sentenced to as many as 30 years behind bars.

Boyland, who pleaded not guilty to the charges in September, might automatically lose his seat in the Assembly — losing a seat that has been in his family since his uncle won

Corruption

“Wherever there was an opportunity for William Boyland to corruptly line his own pockets, he took it.”

Loretta E. Lynch, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York

it in 1977.

At least \$7,000 of the attempted bribe was to allegedly pay off attorney fees from earlier corruption charges of which he was acquitted in 2011.

The agents also recorded their interactions with the lawmaker, including the encounter in an Atlantic City hotel room in which he asked for the bribe.

Boyland is the son of former Assemblyman William “Frank” Boyland Sr., who prosecutors argued

stepped in as an intermediary during the illegal dealings at one point, receiving a \$3,000 check from one of the agents. The elder Boyland was not charged.

Before his conviction, Boyland Jr. was serving his fourth term. He represents the Ocean Hill, Brownsville, Bedford-Stuyvesant, Crown Heights and Bushwick sections of Brooklyn.

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Today's tweet

“New York City: where me being from Wisconsin is more foreign/“exotic” than me being Pakistani”

@saurnadiuns



‘Game of Thrones’ party at Barclay’s sells out

Seven thousand “Game of Thrones” fans pillaged Ticketmaster in less than 30 minutes on Wednesday, selling out an early screening of the fantasy show’s newest season.

The die-hard fans who scored seats will get to watch the first episode of the fourth season on a giant, stadium-sized screen, as well as have access to a traveling exhibit that includes the replica of the famed Iron Throne.

Tickets sold for \$15 a pop for what promoters called an “epic fan experience” at Barclay’s Center on March 20 — more than two weeks before the April 6 season premiere.

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New job. Former top cop Ray Kelly takes job with real estate firm

Former top cop Ray Kelly has taken a job helping commercial real estate clients with intelligence, cyber security, crisis management and more.

The longtime New York Police Commissioner’s new gig puts him in charge of real estate giant Cushman & Wakefield’s recently launched risk management team.

Kelly served as com-

missioner of the New York Police Department for 12 years under former Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

The company celebrated Kelly’s work with creating the city’s counterterrorism and intelligence bureaus after 9/11.

“Commissioner Kelly could have chosen from a multitude of companies to work for and we are honored that he elected to join

Cushman & Wakefield,” said Cushman & Wakefield President Ed Forst. “His proven track record of successfully managing risk in business, law enforcement, public safety and the military are obvious.”

Kelly also recently signed up with a speaking agency the day after leaving his post ahead of the new administration.

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Newly elected

Mayor’s approval dips in new poll

After two months in office, a new poll revealed a majority of New Yorkers like Mayor Bill de Blasio but not necessarily how he’s doing his job.

A Marist poll/NBC 4 New York/Wall Street Journal poll revealed that 39 percent of voters asked approve of de Blasio’s work so far, with

20 percent calling his performance poor.

New Yorkers did give de Blasio credit for his handling of the city’s blustery winter weather, with seven snowstorms since he took office on Jan. 1. Fifty-six percent were satisfied with the administration’s response, while 41 disapproved.

Meanwhile, 52 percent said that they have a favorable impression of the mayor.

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Pets. PETA, ASPCA speak out after NYC man tattoos his dog

Animal rights groups are weighing in after a Brooklyn tattoo artist, only known as "Mistah Metro," sparked outrage when he tattooed his pit bull mix, reports Gothamist.

The tattoo artist, who works at the Red Legged Devil in Prospect Heights, bragged on Instagram that his dog had her spleen removed and the vet let him ink his dog.

After the firestorm, Mistah Metro took down his Instagram account and opened a second, re-posting the photo, then taking it down again.

Aimee Christian, vice

president of spay/neuter operations at the ASPCA, released a statement, saying: "The tattooing of an animal for the selfish joy and entertainment of its owner — without any regard for the well-being of the animal — is not something the ASPCA supports."

Martin Mesereau, director of PETA's Emergency Response Team, said his group is fundamentally against such procedures for pets.

"PETA is opposed to cosmetic procedures on animals," he said.

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The Humane Society of New York also weighed in.

- Sandra DeFeo, director of public relations at the Humane Society of New

York, said some hospital tattoo animals with a green line when they are spayed or neutered. "It's not an elaborate design," she said.



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Topless protestors in Times Square

Inna Shevchenko rips a Russian flag as she joins with other topless activists from the Ukrainian protest group FEMEN on Thursday morning in Times Square to demonstrate against Russian intervention in Ukraine. The group supports U.S. sanctions against Russia. / GETTY IMAGES

Underpaid

Car wash workers to receive \$2.2 million

Owners of a series of New York City car wash chains must pay hundreds of their workers more than \$2.2 million for underpaid wages.

The news came after a settlement was reached between the owners and New York State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, who hailed Thursday's announcement as a signal to workers that the state has their back.

"These agreements will ensure that the car washes clean up their acts to comply with the law," Schneiderman said in a statement. "And they ensure that New York businesses who play by the rules can do so on a level playing field."

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Politics. Labor wants all Domino Sugar site workers to unionize

Days after the city announced it had reached an agreement with Two Trees Management Company, developers on the Domino Sugar refinery site in Williamsburg, a group of union members is demanding that all workers be paid union wages.

The New York Daily

News reported on Wednesday that members of Local 46 of the Metallic Lathers Union plan to pressure the city and the planning commission, both of which must approve the project.

The union attended a planning commission hearing Wednesday, and will attend an as-yet un-

scheduled council hearing.

A spokesman for Two Trees told the Daily News that the company is supportive of unionized labor, and a spokesman for Mayor Bill de Blasio indicated that the conversation to ensure "the maximum number of good-paying jobs" is ongoing.



The old Domino Sugar factory site will be converted in to 2,300 apartments. / GETTY IMAGES

By the numbers

700

The agreement released Monday evening ensures that Two Trees Management would include 700 permanently affordable apartments on the 11-acre property, which is expected to have 2,300 apartments. The project is scheduled to begin in December.

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55th Anniversary of the Tibetan National Uprising on March 10, 2014

In 1949 the army of the People's Republic of China invaded Tibet and began a cruel and oppressive occupation that continues to this day. On March 10, 1959 the Tibetan people rose up against their oppressors, but the revolt was brutally put down. Hundreds of thousands of Tibetans were killed and tens of thousands of Tibetans were later forced to flee Tibet following His Holiness the Dalai Lama. This day is known as the **Tibetan National Uprising Day**.

There have been growing frustrations among Tibetans living under the Communist Chinese rule. In the past three years, more than 127 Tibetans have set themselves on fire to protest against the illegal Chinese occupation of their homeland. All of these self immolators called for **the return of His Holiness the Dalai Lama** and **Freedom in Tibet** as they carried out their immolations.



March 10, 1959 Tibetan Uprising in Lhasa



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Bin Laden kin was his right hand: US attorney

Trial. Opening statements were made in New York City in the case of a top al Qaeda figure.



Sulaiman Abu Ghaith

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Sulaiman Abu Ghaith, a son-in-law of Osama bin Laden, proclaimed the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks were al Qaeda's doing and called on others to fight for Islamist militants, a prosecutor told jurors at the start of his trial on Wednesday.

A Kuwaiti, Abu Ghaith is one of the highest-ranking figures linked to al Qaeda to face a civilian jury on terrorism-related charges since the attacks that destroyed New York's World Trade Center.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Nicholas Lewin told the jury during his opening statement that Abu Ghaith "sat at the right hand of Osama bin Laden" after the attacks and bin Laden "asked him to deliver al Qaeda's murderous decree to the whole

world."

A lawyer for Abu Ghaith told the Manhattan federal court jury that the U.S. government had "no evidence" his client was aware of plots against Americans.

Abu Ghaith is charged with conspiring to kill Americans, providing material support and resources to terrorists and conspiring to provide material support and resources. He faces life in prison if convicted. **REUTERS**

Major case

- Bearded and wearing a dark suit, Abu Ghaith, 48, listened to an interpreter translate the proceedings through headphones.
- His lawyer, Stanley Cohen, warned jurors the

government would try to overwhelm them with videos.

- Cohen said Abu Ghaith was an ideologue whose recorded statements will horrify jurors.



People in Sevastopol, Ukraine, cheer following the confirmation by the regional council to support the Crimea vote. / GETTY IMAGES

US orders sanctions after vote by Crimea

Decision. The Crimean parliament moved "to enter into the Russian Federation" amid growing concerns.

Crimea's parliament voted to join Russia on Thursday and its Moscow-backed government set a referendum in 10 days' time in a dramatic escalation of the crisis over the Ukrainian region that drew a sharp riposte from U.S. President Barack Obama.

Obama ordered sanctions on those responsible for Moscow's military intervention in Ukraine, including bans on travel to the United States and freezing of their U.S. assets.

He echoed European Union leaders and the pro-Western government in Ukraine in declaring that the proposed referendum

would violate international law.

The sudden acceleration of moves to bring Crimea, which has an ethnic Russian majority and has effectively been seized by Russian forces, formally under Moscow's rule came as EU leaders held an emergency summit groping for ways to pressure Russia to back down and accept mediation.

The EU condemned Russian actions in Crimea as illegal, voiced support for Ukraine's territorial integrity but took only minor steps suspending talks with Moscow on visas and a new investment pact.

In a signal to Moscow, Obama announced plans to punish Russians and Ukrainians involved in what he called "threatening the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine." A U.S. official said Russian President Vladimir Putin was not on the list of those to be sanctioned. **REUTERS**

Quoted

"Any discussion about the future of Ukraine must include the legitimate government of Ukraine." President Obama

USS Truxtun

US Navy ship en route to Black Sea for pre-planned exercises

The USS Truxtun, a U.S. Navy guided-missile destroyer, is heading to the Black Sea for what the U.S. military on Thursday described as a "routine"

deployment that was scheduled well before the crisis in Ukraine.

The announcement came a day after the Pentagon unveiled plans to put more U.S. fighter jets on a NATO air patrol mission in the Baltics, moving to reassure allies alarmed by Russia's effective seizure of the Ukrainian peninsula of Crimea.

Crimea is home to

By the numbers

300

The USS Truxtun carries about 300 sailors on board and has guided missile systems.

Russia's Black Sea military base in Sevastopol.

The U.S. Navy said in a statement that the Truxtun left Greece on

Thursday en route to the Black Sea and would conduct training with Romanian and Bulgarian naval forces.

"While in the Black Sea, the ship will conduct a port visit and routine, previously planned exercises with allies and partners in the region," the Navy said in a statement, without offering additional details. **REUTERS**

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RUSSIA'S RULES

Opinion

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During a summer in Moscow 15 years ago, I had some interesting experiences with Russians. I went to Lenin's tomb and saw the champion of Marxism in all his waxy glory. I went to the theater and took in a comedy. (At least I think it was a comedy. I could barely understand a word, but the audience roared as if Stalin were doing stand-up.) And I almost accidentally bought a cat — don't ask, but a word to the wise: Two rubles is too much.

The incident I've been thinking about the most lately, however, involved an interview with a Russian general. I can't recall his name, so I'll play the odds and call him Vladimir. We were chatting about the economic challenges of his country's move into free markets and privatization when I let slip with this diplomatic gem: "Well, it must be difficult," I said. "After all, Russia was once a superpower."

Gen. Vlad sat up so suddenly his medals rattled, his eyes blazing beneath a caterpillar unibrow, and he said, "Russia is still a superpower!"

Whatever you may think of the Russian military's incursion/invasion/getaway weekend in Ukraine, this is something to be remembered:



Troops take post under Russian command. / GETTY IMAGES

President Putin's seizure of Crimea fits perfectly into his vision of Russian rights and power, even if the world says he needs glasses. His Black Sea Fleet relies on the Crimean port of Sevastopol. Sixty percent of Crimea's population speaks Russian as a first language. And Crimea was part of Russia for 300 years before it was given to Ukraine in 1954. In Putin's mind, the peninsula

is apparently a kind of geo-political time-share condo; it was rented to some friends for a while, but now spring break is coming and the owners want it back.

Much of the planet may see flaws in this logic, but that won't make it go away. Simply put, like Gen. Vladimir in that testy interview so long ago, the Russians believe that they are right. And any attempt to end the standoff will have to proceed with that Red Square reasoning in mind.

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Nuclear program

US Army general admits to lesser counts on trial

A U.S. Army general pleaded guilty on Thursday to military crimes of having an adulterous affair, seeking nude photos of junior officers and possessing pornography while deployed in Afghanistan, his lawyers said.

Brig. Gen. Jeffrey

Sinclair, the defendant in a rare court-martial against a top U.S. military officer, will continue to fight charges that he sexually assaulted a female captain during their three-year relationship.

Even though Sinclair said the affair was consensual, he agreed that it was inappropriate.

"I was a senior leader; she was a subordinate leader," he told the court. His guilty plea delayed

lawyers' opening statements, which had been scheduled to begin on Thursday at Fort Bragg, N.C.

The jury of five, two-star generals will decide the one-star general's guilt on the remaining charges.

The U.S. government alleges Sinclair, 51, a married father of two sons, twice forced an unmarried captain 17 years his junior to perform oral sex. **REUTERS**

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Patent battle

Apple loses bid for US ban on Samsung sales

A judge on Thursday rejected Apple's request for a permanent sales ban in the United States against some older Samsung smartphones, a key setback for the iPhone maker in its global patent battle.

District Judge Lucy Koh in San Jose, Calif., ruled that Apple had not presented enough evidence to show that its patented features were a significant enough driver of consumer demand to warrant an injunction.

REUTERS

Award

900M

Apple was awarded more than \$900 million by U.S. juries, but the iPhone maker has failed to sustain a permanent sales ban against its rival, a far more serious threat to Samsung, which earned \$7.7 billion last quarter.

Marijuana minors

Third-graders caught smoking pot

Three third-graders were caught smoking marijuana in the boys' bathroom of their northern California elementary school last week in what the local police chief says marked the youngest pot bust he has ever encountered.

The three boys, two 8-year-olds and one 9-year-old, were caught last Thursday by another student, who informed administrators, who in turn alerted local police, said Sonora Police Chief Mark Stinson. **REUTERS**

Years of age

10

The police chief of Sonora, a picturesque "Gold Country" town in the Sierra foothills about 130 miles east of San Francisco, said the youngest person he previously knew of being busted for smoking pot was about 10 years of age.

Witness feared Pistorius might kill himself after shooting his girlfriend

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A photo taken on Jan. 26, 2013, shows Olympian sprinter Oscar Pistorius posing next to his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp. / GETTY IMAGES

Violent. The prosecution has portrayed Pistorius as a gun-obsessed hothead.

One of the first people on the scene after Oscar Pistorius shot girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp told a court on Thursday he feared the Olympic and Paralympic star, now on trial for murder, might kill himself with the same gun.

Testifying on the fourth day of the trial, neighbor

Johan Stipp said he entered the athlete's home, minutes after hearing screams and shots, to find the distraught South African sprinter kneeling over the lifeless body of a woman.

Stipp, a doctor, went on to describe his futile attempts to revive Steenkamp.

As Stipp checked Steenkamp for signs of life, Pistorius was begging him to save her life, Stipp told the court.

"Oscar was crying all the time. He prayed to God: 'Please let her live, she must not die,'" he said.

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Quoted

"I shot her. I thought she was a burglar and I shot her." Stipp quoted the 27-year-old Pistorius as saying.

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Pope Francis popular in US, but Catholicism is stagnant

Religion. A study found that Catholics love the new pope, but there's no sign they are going to Mass more often.

One year after his election, Pope Francis is "immensely popular among American Catholics," a survey said on Thursday, but there is no sign of a "Francis effect" inspiring more to attend Mass or do volunteer work.

The Washington-based Pew Research Center said 85 percent of Catholics in the United States viewed the Argentine-born pontiff favorably, with 51 percent reporting a "very favorable" view of him, while only 4 percent expressed a negative opinion.

According to Catholics, 68 percent thought he rep-



Pope Francis presided over Ash Wednesday services at Basilica di Santa Sabina on March 5. / GETTY IMAGES

Pilfering pope

Francis admits stealing cross

Pope Francis revealed on Thursday he had succumbed to "that thief in all of us" and broke the seventh commandment by stealing a small

cross from the coffin of a priest so he could remember the man.

In off-the-cuff comments to Roman priests, Francis said he took it when he went to the funeral of an elderly priest he admired. **REUTERS**

of the Year title for 2013, has not clearly translated into greater lay participation in the church since his surprise election on March 13, 2013.

"There has been no measurable rise in the percentage of Americans who identify as Catholic," the survey said. "Nor has there been a statistically significant change in how often Catholics say they go to Mass."

Forty percent of Catholics said they were now praying more often and 26 percent were "more excited" about their faith, but their frequency of going to confession or volunteering at church has not changed.

"If there has been a 'Francis effect,' it has been most pronounced among Catholics who already were highly committed to the practice of their faith," the survey concluded. **REUTERS**

Space pastry

Sicilians launch dessert into space

Sicilian amateur scientists have launched a model cannolo, a cream-stuffed pastry roll symbolic of the Italian island, into the stratosphere, capturing bizarre images of the dessert flying far above the Earth.

The "Sicilian Space Program," which cost a rough total of 350 euros, had symbolic importance as well as being a scientific feat, the three natives of the island town of Enna behind it said. **REUTERS**

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"Sicily has always been a place of negative connotations. ... We wanted to lift up Sicily."

Fabio Leone, filmmaker
On recording the project

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"Historically, it was women who made [beer]."

Smart, who said she wants to see more women drinking it

year, is now in charge of developing new flavors and brewing processes.

"Traditionally beer has been consumed by both men and women," said Smart. "One of the things I'd like to see happen is more women drinking it."



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Survey says

Norwegian men most helpful with housework

Norwegian men pitch in the most with housework and related chores while Japanese men do the

least in a survey released by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development ahead of International Women's Day on Saturday.

In a comparison of statistics from most of the 34 OECD member countries

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Do good. The MoonWalk NYC returns to raise money for breast cancer.

In 1996, 13 women powerwalked the New York City Marathon wearing bras, shorts and sneakers to raise money and awareness for breast cancer. Last year, after 16 years, that movement — MoonWalk NYC — resurfaced.

"I literally dreamed of walking the New York Mar-

Own it

Going all out

The MoonWalk is also about camaraderie and owning city streets.

"In 2013, other people on the street looked at us with amusement. It looked like a bunch of crazy girls going out," says Barough. "There's a great sense of freedom [in that]. It's a team of women and they are in control."

athon in a bra. I just woke up with the idea. It just tickled me to think of doing it. I had no idea it would become anything more than that," says founder Nina Barough from her home in England's Berkshire countryside. "I got a group of girls together with no intention of continuing it past being a great weekend in New York City with friends. I thought it would be a real blast and do some good at the same time."

Ironically, two months after, Barough was diagnosed with breast cancer, but despite an aggressive treatment course, she continued the MoonWalk at the London Marathon the next summer. Since then, the annual MoonWalks in London, Edinburgh and Iceland have raised more than \$144 million for breast cancer causes. MoonWalk America returns this year, Jul. 26, and benefits the Memorial Sloan Kettering's Breast Examination Center of Harlem.

MoonWalk's uniform of a brightly decorated bra encourages women to feel good about themselves. An added issue of owning one's body and health de-

CHARITY WALK GOES TO THE MOON AND BACK

Nina Barough attends the first-ever MoonWalk NYC at Randall's Island on July 21, 2013. / GETTY IMAGES

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Nina Barough

veloped on the sidelines.

"It was a controversial thing to do," Barough says of the first marathon walk in a bra. "At that time, talking about breast cancer was taboo and it was a behind-closed-doors struggle for women. Also, women are often worried about their physical appearance. They

think they're too flat-chested, or they don't like their arms. I always say, give it a try and be prepared to be surprised. After doing the walk, women accept their bodies more."

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If you're one of the 40 percent of American women who suffer from PMS (puffy, miserable and sour syndrome), pay close attention. While premenstrual syndrome can cause a host of physical and emotional symptoms — including irritability, sadness, mood swings, bloating and lack of energy — a few strategic nibbles can help take the edge off your misery and enable you to feel markedly better. So, for the next time Aunt Flow comes to visit, make sure you have these items handy:

Yogurt

A bowl of fat-free or low-fat yo-

gurt can help balance your calcium levels during your menstrual cycle. Researchers have found that some women have lower blood levels of calcium around the time of ovulation, and adding calcium can make a big difference when dealing with PMS symptoms that are related to mood and bloating. While it's always important for women to ensure they're eating enough calcium-rich foods, around the time of your period, there's even more incentive.

Beans

Beans are a magnesium-rich food that helps

reduce water retention and regulate the activity of serotonin, the "feel-good" neurotransmitter that impacts mood. In studies, women who experience PMS symptoms have been shown to have lower levels of magnesium than those who don't get PMS, so it makes sense to load up. Luckily, magnesium-rich beans are an incredibly versatile ingredient. Add them to salads, stir-fries, chilies, pasta dishes and

soups, or puree them with garlic or onions for an instant dip or spread. I love sauteing a cup with a few heaping tablespoons of salsa and a dash of Dijon mustard, garlic powder and cumin, then topping on a baked potato.

Chickpeas

Chickpeas are high in three different nutrients that may help ease or

prevent PMS symptoms: magnesium, vitamin B6 and manganese. Magnesium helps fight water retention and bloating, while vitamin B6 helps the body make dopamine and may reduce irritability and depression. Manganese may also help with mood swings and overall crankiness. Chickpeas make tasty additions to soups and salads, and they're especially delicious when pureed into hummus with fresh garlic, lemon and olive oil. Grab some colorful produce and dunk away!

Brown rice

This whole grain staple also contains magnesium, vitamin B6 and manganese. Complex carbs like brown rice, oatmeal, beans and whole grain pasta may help relieve that time-of-the-month-madness.

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One more

Salmon

Since the body can't absorb calcium without the help of vitamin D, it's critical to get enough of both nutrients, especially if you're suffering from uncomfortable symptoms. Some fish, including salmon, Atlantic mackerel, sardines and herring, are terrific sources of vitamin D. Studies suggest a diet rich in vitamin D may reduce the risk of PMS by about 40 percent.



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Juicy rumors

Partying with co-workers or working with co-partiers?

As a musician, Juicy J says he's drawn to other hard workers, which is what made collaborating with Katy Perry on "Dark Horse" an enjoyable experience. "Katy Perry's a genius," he says. He has equally high praise for Miley Cyrus, who he collaborated with on "#23." And when it comes to the rumors that emerged after "#23" was released that Cyrus was pregnant with his baby, he says they laughed it off together. "That was just funny. People are always going to spread rumors online that aren't true. Miley's like my little sister, man!" he says.

Hip-hop. After 20 years in the game, Juicy J is finally the guy everyone's "Talkin' Bout."

If there's anyone who deserves to celebrate, it's Juicy J. "Dark Horse," his collaboration with Katy Perry, is everywhere — including the No. 2 position on the Billboard Hot 100 chart. And his new single, "Talkin' Bout," with Chris Brown and Wiz Khalifa, is creeping up, too. The 38-year-old rapper is staying true to the title of his latest gig, dubbed the Never Sober tour.

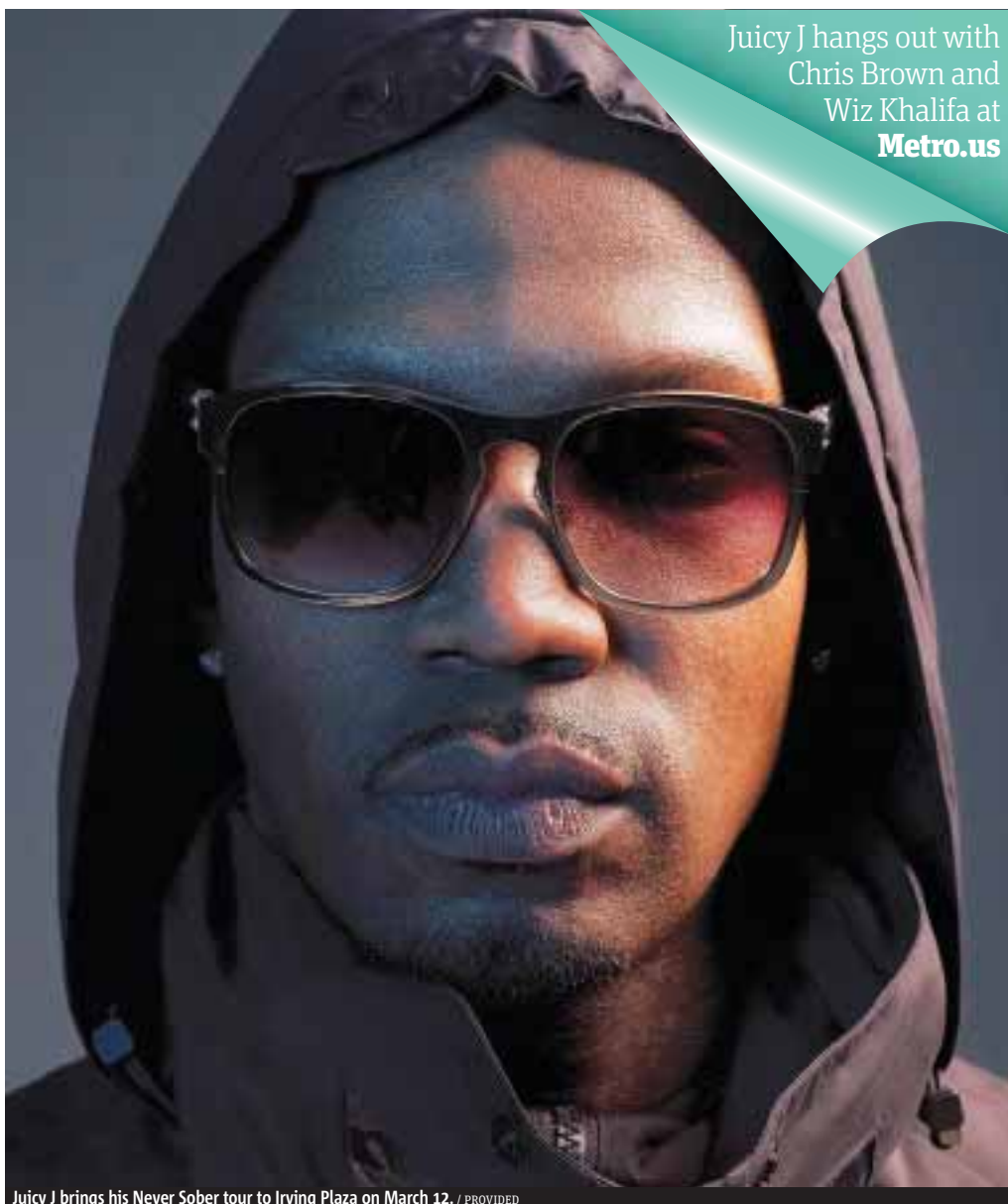
"I'm partying my ass off," he says.

But it took a lot of work to get to party like this. When he was just 13, he asked his mother, a librarian, to bring home all the books she could find about the music business.

"I read 10 or 15 books because I wanted to know everything about the music business," says the rapper. "A lot of artists just want to make music, get groupies and spend all the money, but that isn't what you're supposed to do. It's called the music business, and it's a business at the end of the day."

Juicy, who first found a taste of fame with Three 6 Mafia, says mixing business and pleasure comes naturally.

"I've been in the music game for over 20 years and won an Academy Award [in 2006 for 'It's Hard Out Here for a Pimp' from 'Hustle &



Juicy J brings his Never Sober tour to Irving Plaza on March 12. / PROVIDED

Juicy J hangs out with Chris Brown and Wiz Khalifa at **Metro.us**

Juicy J: Never Sober, but always hustling

Flow']. I still live a party and kicking-it life, but I'm working hard, too."

The pleasure part of the aforementioned partying off of his ass.

"We have a lot of Ciroc vodka on the bus and some Hennessy and a couple bottles of champagne," he says. "If you're going to a Juicy J show, definitely drink some Ciroc. But don't drive! Let somebody drop you off or catch a limou-

Quoted

"If you're going to a Juicy J show, definitely drink some Ciroc. But don't drive! Let somebody drop you off or catch a limousine or something."

Juicy J

sine or something."

The business part of the equation includes a devoted work ethic. While on the road, Juicy J is making his next album, "The Hustle Continues," and he says it's about his journey from the 'hood to where he is now.

"We might be drinking some Ciroc on the tour bus, but I have a studio set up in there," he says. "I'm actually about to go make some beats right now."

Video games

Taking it to the next level

When he released his third album, "Stay Trippy," last summer, Juicy J coupled it with a video game where players threw dollars at strippers while streaming the album. It turns out his real life isn't much

different.

"If my life was a video game, it would definitely be a hustle," he says. "You'd have to hustle your way to the top and then you get to party your ass off. That's what I did."



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Ralph Fiennes (center) plays an erudite but vulgar concierge in "The Grand Budapest Hotel." / FOX SEARCHLIGHT

A funny film that will also make you sad



Check in. Ralph Fiennes plays as a snooty concierge in the latest from Wes Anderson.

Wes Anderson's "The Grand Budapest Hotel" is a movie about murder and death, about nice characters and pets meeting unpleasant ends, about war and time laying waste to life's stray bits of happiness. It's also the lightest, funniest and most enjoyable film Anderson has ever made. These are not contradictory positions. Just under the OCD surface of his films lies darkness. And just above the darkness, in this case, lies the most purely enjoyable of the filmmaker's works — so much about surface pleasures that one can take it in without entertaining its grimmer qualities.

Starting in the present, the film takes three separate introductions to get to the main story, as though it was inside a nesting doll. By the time it gets there, most of reality has been chucked and replaced by a fairy tale Europe that, even in fiction, is about to be destroyed. It's 1932, and the seeds of WWII are starting to appear. But we're stuck

in the cloistered confines of a lavish hotel populated by dowagers, some of whom engage in relations with snooty concierge Gustave (Ralph Fiennes). The death of one of these, an octogenarian played by Tilda Swinton, kickstarts a series of madcap but very dangerous adventures involving prison escapes, psychotic rich kids and one out-of-nowhere shoot-out.

Anderson has grown so comfortable with his style that, on one level, "The Grand Budapest Hotel" is a machine firing out his usual gifts: deadpan acting, grouchy and unexpectedly gnomish one-liners, loud colors (this time the dominant one is pink) and lead characters who act as charismatic but reckless impresarios.

Gustave is the latest of these, and one of the best. Fiennes has a field day navigating his mix of erudition and vulgarity — a shtick that Anderson has long

employed. One particularly euphonious sentence, which cascades from Fiennes' tongue, throws in a reference to penny dreadfuls before ending with the word "candy-ass." Gustave is prim and proper, but just when you find him respectable, he talks about blowing a sudden windfall on "whores and whiskey."

"The Grand Budapest Hotel" is so fast-paced, quotable and joyful that it's easy to miss the deep melancholy and regret running through it — like one character, whose slim screentime isn't fully understandable until the very end. The key shot is a zoom on a newspaper whose headline warns of looming war — then a pan down to the comparatively minor issue that winds up fueling the entire storyline. It's a film about old Europe trying to fight off murderous enemies, the most homicidal of which is played by Willem Dafoe with bulldog fangs and Nazi-like skull rings on every finger. It's just been abstracted to the point where it has the consistency of candy. Watched once, it's the most entertaining movie in theaters. Revisited, it's the saddest.

Review

'The Grand Budapest Hotel'

Director: Wes Anderson

Stars: Ralph Fiennes,
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Toon. An old show gets a so-so movie.

The original "Peabody & Sherman" segments on "Rocky and Bullwinkle" were little history lessons, with the Wayback Machine the mere device to send the canine brainiac and his quizzical adoptee back in time. The movie reverses this. It has very little educational value (same with the show, to be honest). It's a time travel romp — essentially "Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure," only with more heart.

And therein lies the less smart thing about "Mr. Peabody & Sherman." Doing "Bill and Ted" again, only with more life

lessons, makes two unimaginative things rolled into one pricey franchise launcher. It has all of history at its fingertips, and instead it indulges in dull homilies. **MATT PRIGGE**

Review

'Mr. Peabody & Sherman'

Director: Rob Minkoff

Voices of: Ty Burrell, Max Charles

Rating: PG

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Eva Green kills everyone and that's all that matters

Side-sequel. The follow-up to "300" is a silly cash-in, but its villain is a force of nature.

"300" committed one of the great sins of modern blockbusters: It ended with all of its main characters heroically dead. And isn't the impossibility of film sequels the real tragedy of the Battle of Thermopylae? But Zack Snyder's film — macho and overly color-corrected, both homophobic and homoerotic — has gone on to pump up athletes hitting the field and bros heading on the town. Life had to find a way.

And so it has, sort of. "300: Rise of an Empire" is not a sequel but a side-sequel. Execs scrambled through their history books and picked the less



Eva Green is the only original thing about "300: Rise of an Empire." / WARNER BROS. PICTURES

Review

'300: Rise of an Empire'

Director: Noam Murro

Stars: Sullivan Stapleton, Eva Green

Rating: R

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storied Battle of Artemisium, between the Greeks and another, different part of the Persian army. Director Noam Murro slavishly recreates Snyder's style, even more than Snyder slavishly recreated Frank Miller's questionable comic. Our new shirtless, six pack-abbed hero is Themistocles, played by Sullivan Stapleton, an actor who, sadly, lacks the shouty

gravitas of Gerard Butler.

That's OK, though, because the one major difference from — and vast improvement over — the original is boasting a charismatic villain: warrior queen Artemisia, played by Eva Green. Here's the role she was born to play. Wide-eyed and hammy, her Artemisia lusts for blood the way nymphomaniacs do for sex. She makes out with a freshly dislodged head, howls orgasmically as she hacks limbs and snarls her way through lines like, "You fight harder than you f—." "300 II" does not deserve her, but it is up front about what it is: a kowtow to fanboys hungry for splattered blood and 3-D boobs. Its honesty becomes, in a twisted, messed-up sense, admirable.



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Science. 'Cosmos' is back after 34 years

Do you remember the TV show "Cosmos: A Personal Voyage"? It's been 34 years, so you might have forgotten. But now the show is back with 13 brand new episodes.

For the next 13 Sundays, astrophysicist Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson will try to teach us more about science and the universe in "Cosmos: A Spacetime Odyssey," on Fox. Ann Druyan will be writing, producing and directing the series, as she did with the first show more than 30 years ago. She's the widow of astrophysicist Carl Sagan, who hosted the original in the '80s.

There couldn't be a better time for a comeback, Tyson and Druyan agree. With science-based shows like "The Big Bang Theory" and movies like "Gravity" surging in popularity, Tyson is sure that people will show interest in the show.

"There is an unserved curiosity for the world around us that manifests in several ways," says Tyson.

The show is a way to bring science down-to-earth, so to speak.

"I believe we are a story-driven species and that we understand how things are put together in the context of narrative," says Druyan. "I think it's a shame that science hasn't been taught that way in a long time."

Tune in to the first episode March 9 at 9 p.m. on 21st Century Fox's channels, including Fox, National Geographic Channel, FX and more. On Mondays, the show will re-air on the National Geographic Channel with bonus footage. **LASSE EMIL KRISTIANSEN**

'Family' man

Help from a famous friend

Funnyman Seth MacFarlane is one of the reasons why this show is back. He was big fan of the original show, and after he learned that Druyan and Tyson wanted to do a new season, he helped them present the idea to 21st Century Fox, who gave it the green light.



Neil deGrasse Tyson and writer Ann Druyan debut their new science show "Cosmos: A Spacetime Odyssey." / PATRICK ECCLESINE, FOX

THERESA CAPUTO

The "Long Island Medium" reads airwaves — and is back on them.

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You can win a reading with Caputo (the wait list is several years!) by tweeting with the hashtag #LongIslandMedium from 8-11 p.m. on Sunday. Theresa will randomly select winners during live segments within the commercial breaks and will announce them on the air. / GETTY IMAGES

Theresa Caputo, the woman better known to many as the Long Island Medium, is back on Sunday night with new episodes of her hit series, now entering its fifth season. In "Long Island Medium: On the Road," Caputo travels the country, surprising people with readings about their deceased loved ones (she even does one at a prison). But the drama also unfolds closer to home, with Caputo learning of her daughter's desire to try pole dancing, and deciding to — possibly — change up her famous hairdo. The medium is so busy, we couldn't even get her on the phone for an interview, but she did find some time to respond to our questions via email.

What's the hardest part of balancing your show, family, clients and spirit?

The hardest part of balancing is finding enough time in the day to connect with everyone!

What does it feel like when you're getting messages from the other side? What are you seeing or hearing?

I see shadows and silhouettes. I feel the emotional bond that you shared with them and the way that they passed. I also feel my clients' emotions — their sadness, guilt, grief — and any burdens they might be carrying.

What are some of your favorite moments you've had reading people?

I feel that every reading

Bonus question

What can we look forward to this season? Is there really a change to your signature hairstyle?

You will just have to wait and see on March 9 on TLC. LOL! Change is in the eye of the beholder :)

is special and unique and has its own amazing moment. The most amazing moment for me in every reading is watching the transformation from sadness, grief and sorrow to happiness, joy and laughter — because after the loss of a loved one we tend to forget the happy times.

Is it ever frightening when you're doing a reading?

No. I am never frightened because I only asked for the highest good of all concerned and positive messages.

What do you say to those who are skeptical of your abilities?

Listen, everyone is entitled to their own beliefs, but this isn't about me. This is about spirit validating to each and every one of us that there truly is more to life than just here in the physical world, and that they are still here with us just in a different way.

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Lin-Manuel Miranda is making it up as he goes

Comedy. The man behind hit musical "In the Heights" is now taking on TV.

He knows his way around words, that's for sure: Lin-Manuel Miranda can list composer, rapper, lyricist and creator of the popular Broadway musical "In the Heights" on his résumé. On Saturday, you can catch him doing improv hip-hop as a part of "Freestyle Love Supreme" — a group of funny people, beatboxers and instrumentalists.

"It's really a weird mix

of comedy, music and hip-hop," says Miranda. "How the show is going to be really depends on the audience's suggestions."

Doing improv might sound terrifying, but it's not for Miranda and the rest of the group.

"I've never had a lack of something to say," Miranda says. "I picture freestyling like putting a filter onto my brain, so everything that comes out of my mouth is going to rhyme. It's getting strained through the filter until the rhyming version of whatever I'm thinking comes out. Sometimes I'm finding it out as I go, and sometimes I'm a little



In the zone

Is it movie time?

An "In the Heights" movie may not be far off. "I know there are people working hard to make that happen," Miranda says. "I assume I'll be involved if it's going to happen. If

it takes a few more years I'll probably be too old to play Usnavi, but I'm fine with that. I love the idea of another young actor getting a chance to play this role. I had a wonderful time doing it, so I'm happy to pass it on."

ahead of it. And sometimes we have these amazingly happy accidents. It's not about thinking — it's just about talking, and then you'll figure it out as it is happening."

Miranda likens the pro-

cess to skydiving: "Sometimes [the parachute] doesn't always fully deploy, but that's part of the fun."

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A spring wedding for Kimye

"I can't believe I'm engaged!" Kim Kardashian exclaimed on a recent episode of "Keeping Up with the Kardashians." I wonder if she said that the other two times.

Maybe the third time is a charm. Kim and Kanye West, who were engaged last October in a spectacle rivaled only by Super Bowl halftime

shows, have allegedly set a wedding date for May 24.

Rumors have it that the rapper and reality show star will still wed in Paris, even after they found out the Palace of Versailles was booked solid. We hear the wedding will be "intimate," with about 150 people. How many of those will be photographers?



Is Oprah really helping Lindsay Lohan?

Oprah's tough love with troubled star Lindsay Lohan was on full display in a two-minute teaser trailer released for her reality series "Lindsay," set to debut on Oprah's OWN network this Sunday. In the clip, Winfrey is trying to get Lohan to sit for an interview, but runs into countless obstacles. Oprah is not one to let an obstacle get in her way, and she tells Lindsay to "cut the bulls—."

But many of the half-million who have viewed the clip online are saying

the legendary host is exploiting Lindsay and that if she really wanted to help her, she'd do it behind the cameras.

This reality show is allegedly different from your typical down-and-out celeb trying to not be so down and/or out. The cameras won't be filming LiLo getting her eyebrows waxed or taking her dog to be fluffed out (we hope). There are interviews with her sober coach (he hesitates when asked if Lindsay is clean), her



Will we see a new side of LiLo?
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father (Lindsay tells him he wasn't good for her in her life) and confessionals where she admits she feels like a prisoner.

Normally, I'd be saying "Boo-efing-hoo" but I'm actually rooting for Lindsay. There is some real talent deep down inside and her intentions seem genuine. And yes, that talent may soon be squandered on "Two Broke Girls," where she will guest star on the April 14 episode, but it's talent nonetheless.

Lying company gets under Ray Liotta's skin

First of all, where has Ray Liotta been? A visit to his Wikipedia page answers that question: Everywhere! Dude has been in 11 things in the past two years and is working on at least nine projects in 2014 alone. Guess it just wasn't anything that we saw.

But this week he's in the news for another reason. Turns out, Henry Hill is suing a skin care company called Nerium International, according to TMZ. Apparently, the Texas-based company is saying Liotta used its Nerium AD cream and now his face is as smooth as a baby's butt.

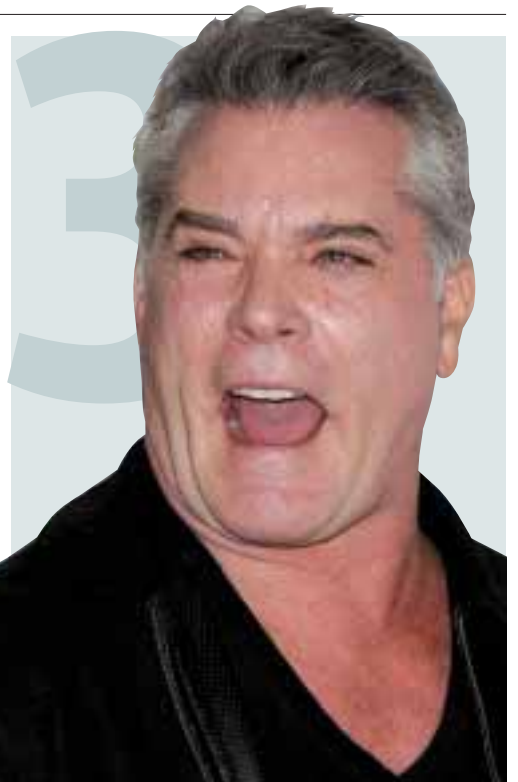
One problem, though: Liotta says he never used the cream and that he never gave the company permission to use his likeness.

THE WORD

Christina Paciolla takes on the world of gossip.

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Nerium's slogan is "Real Science, Real Results," but maybe the fine print should be "not real actors who use the product."



Talking points

Armstrong's arm candy

Lance Armstrong was reportedly advised to ditch Ashley Olsen when the pair briefly dated back in 2007, according to "Cycle of Lies," the new Armstrong tell-all

book. John Koriath, head of Armstrong's Livestrong Foundation, "warned the 36-year-old father of three that his May-December romance could damage his cancer work," Julie Macur writes in the book. "Whoa, dude, bad idea,"

Koriath said. "You've got to put a stop to this right now!" Armstrong apparently didn't appreciate the relationship advice. "She's 21," he reportedly responded. "F— you." But the relationship fizzled out after a few months anyway,

with Armstrong moving on to Kate Hudson.

J-Law is still a winner

Jennifer Lawrence went home empty-handed from

the Oscars last weekend, but apparently that's just fine as far as she's concerned. "Jennifer said she was so relieved she didn't win because she didn't want to go through what Anne Hathaway experienced. She's very aware

that the backlash is already coming anyway," a source tells Radar Online. "She was sort of joking because her and Anne are actually friends, but she just knew that if she won the Oscar again it'd be like a target on her back."

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Taurus | April 21-May 21. Be receptive to suggestions regarding your employment prospects. Enthusiasm and resourcefulness will heighten your appeal.

Gemini | May 22-June 20. There are many interesting events happening around you. Get involved in as many as possible in order to broaden your horizons.

Cancer | June 21-July 22. You will be offered interesting investment advice. Carry out the due diligence, but don't miss out on a great opportunity.

Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. You will have no problem convincing others to participate in a new venture. Your enthusiasm and energy will draw partners with original ideas.

Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Someone with a grievance may be saying things behind your back. Refuse to get drawn into a trivial disagreement.

Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Now is a favorable time to step into the spotlight. Demonstrate your expertise in a factual, knowledgeable and inspiring manner.

Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. You can reduce your expenses if you take a look at your budget. Factor in the amount you spend on transit, coffee or lunches.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Don't make assumptions. Being demanding will aggravate the people around you. If you're thoughtful, you will manage to get your way.

Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20. You can make valuable connections if you accentuate your positive qualities to the right people.

Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18. Rekindle your connections. Make plans that are sure to win favor. Be willing to compromise and work toward a common goal.
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Letters

Film release uses wrong formula

Thank you so much for your article in Metro weekend Feb. 28-March 2, 2014. I COULD NOT AGREE MORE WITH YOUR COMMENTS! I am a Christian and I usually enjoy Biblical cinema. When I saw the previews of "Son of God," I kept wondering why do I feel that I've seen this movie before? Reason: Because I have. Why pay for a movie that I'd already viewed on TV and DVD twice? I think they have the formula wrong. It should have been a movie, then a TV series, then DVD. Not TV series, DVD, movie. I don't like to be swindled out of money by paying for a movie that I already paid for. **ERICA TAYLOR, VIA EMAIL**

Russia is No. 1 threat to the US

Re: Letter "Why Ukraine matters" (Metro, March 6, 2014) Letter writer Ron Shelton is correct in his reasoning for why the United States needs to take offensive action in defense of the Ukraine. Vladimir Putin despises President Obama and that Russia will make a move. Russia sides with Iran and Syria, and invaded its neighbor Georgia. That, along with its nuclear capabilities and sheer size, make it our number one geopolitical enemy. **KEVIN METZ, VIA EMAIL**

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Keep them as brief as possible, preferably under 100 words. Metro reserves the right to edit all letters. Please include your name and contact info.

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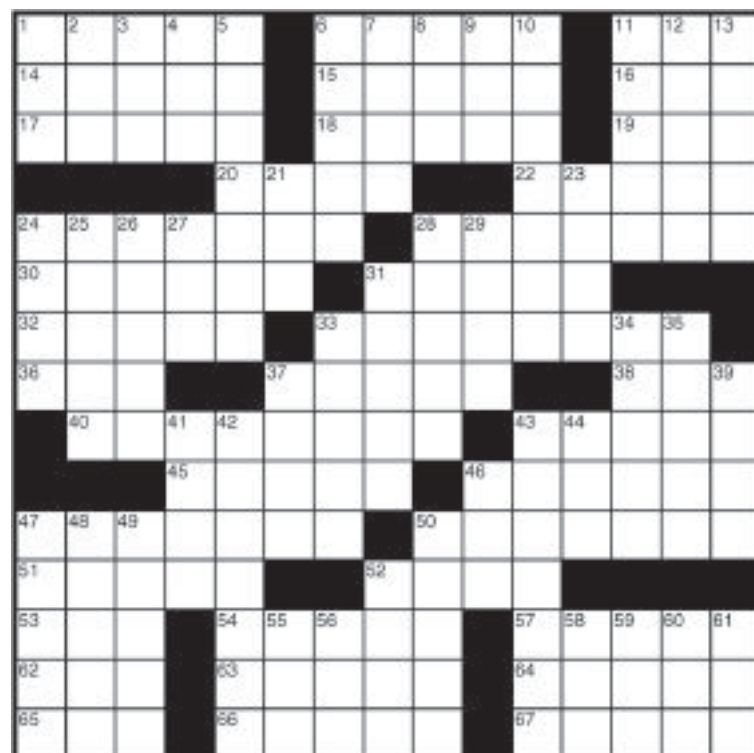
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- 24 Interpret wrongly
- 28 Puffed up
- 30 Amy of the LPGA
- 31 Cel characters
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- 33 Metal-cutting tools
- 36 — Andreas fault
- 37 Pulls hard
- 38 Ms. Hagen
- 40 Bilks
- 43 Kitchen wear
- 45 Like baby chicks
- 46 Raisin center
- 47 Bright with light
- 50 Squash
- 51 These have many extras
- 52 Slap on hastily
- 53 It wails a lot
- 54 Big striped cat
- 57 Column order
- 62 Prefix for "pod"

Down

- 63 Debussy music
- 64 Biscotto flavor
- 65 Sault — Marie
- 66 Pink wines
- 67 Nick of "Cape Fear"
- 1 One of us
- 2 911 responder
- 3 Contented murmur
- 4 Lauper's "— Bop"
- 5 Dartboards, e.g.
- 6 Not silently
- 7 Wilson predecessor
- 8 Rubble-maker
- 9 DDE
- 10 Big guns
- 11 Where Kathmandu is
- 12 Miffed, plus
- 13 Kin of argon and neon
- 21 Fiber-rich grain
- 23 Anagram of "seal"
- 24 Dallas cagers
- 25 Homer opus
- 26 Make the — (attend)
- 27 Tough — to hoe
- 28 Wind indicators
- 29 Food steamers
- 31 Cronyn's mate
- 33 Frequent
- 34 Rathskeller sausage
- 35 Mick Jagger, e.g.

- 37 Open wide
- 39 Prolific actor
- 41 S&L protector
- 42 Turkey cooker
- 43 Fiery steed
- 44 Caress
- 46 Winter complaint
- 47 Takes a breather
- 48 Not touching
- 49 Deep South
- 50 Taxi riders
- 52 "— Dinah" (Avalon tune)
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Thursday's answer



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Red Bulls 2014 preview

Expectations are high after New York finished with the best record in MLS last season, but lost in their playoff opener.

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Thierry Henry, possibly in his last season in New York, and the Red Bulls get their season underway this weekend. / GETTY IMAGES

One more season

Thierry Henry, the greatest player to ever suit up for the Red Bulls, is in the final year of his contract. His future beyond this year is anyone's guess, although it is almost certain that if he does extend his stay it won't be as a designated player. He had a slight dip last season, with just 10 goals. Henry and management remain mum on the looming decision. "All I can see this year is seeing myself playing," Henry said. "That's it."

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Big fly

Tanaka solid, but allows home run

Fans, and the media, had to wait for the rain to clear, but Masahiro Tanaka made his first start as a Yankee Thursday and looked good despite allowing his first home run. The new Yankee free agent allowed one run — the homer by Freddy Galvis — in three innings against the Phillies. He also struck out one in a Yankees win, 4-3.

The real work for the Red Bulls begins now.

The Red Bulls were supposed to struggle to make the playoffs last year under first-year head coach Mike Petke. Instead of crashing, the team defied all expectations en route to capturing the Supporters Shield for the league's best record. The disappointment of the Red Bulls losing in the first round of the playoffs mattered little as the team took its first trophy in franchise history.

Petke faces more pressure in 2014 than this time last year. It simply won't be good enough to make the playoffs, now he has to win the MLS Cup.

"I would say for sure it's always more [pressure]. It's always more," Petke said. "Last year was a whirlwind, it really was. I didn't have a moment to breathe, to step back and say anything other than 'What's going on?' ... I had that offseason to think about things like that. It's been a little different this season now. So yes, the pressure has been amped [up]. I didn't let the pressure sink in at all — only the pressure I put on myself. This year I have the pressure on myself and this year I realize the pressure [from] being on top is a lot more."

The Red Bulls open the season Saturday night at Vancouver. The team's home opener is March 15 against the Rapids.

Revamped backline

The defense wasn't a huge issue for the team last year, but that didn't stop the front office from doing a complete overhaul of the back four.

Gone is central defender Markus Holgersson, a standout over the past two years at the position, along with regular starter Brandon Barklage.

How right back Richard Eckersley and central defender Ibrahim Sekagya, who had a bad giveaway in the playoffs last year,



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jell will be of great importance to the squad.

In addition, recently acquired Spanish centerback Armando has looked good in preseason. He's tough on the tackle and has been praised by teammates for his leadership.

Adding Convey

It was a relatively quiet offseason for the Red Bulls, but one of their bigger moves was bringing on board former World Cup veteran Bobby Convey.

The versatile Convey has played for the United States national team at left back and virtually everywhere in the midfield along with having a myriad of success at the club level.

Convey was once considered a teenage phenom, but the veteran is still just 31 years old and can bring some balance to the midfield. He brings competition to the outside of the left midfield where Jonny Steele was the consensus starter a year ago. But he can be slotted in centrally, as well.



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That was merely a movie, but fantasy owners who aren't paying attention to scenery changes are asking to get burned. Certain ballparks yield more hits and certain lineups create better opportunities. It adds up to far more than that one hit a week. These guys in new places will be overdrafted because owners will be chasing last year's stats, not being predictive.

Canoes without paddles

Robinson Cano took his \$240 million and ran away from the Yankees to the Mariners. It was a no-brainer move for his wallet, but it's an atro-



Cano no longer has a short porch to pull the ball toward after moving to Seattle. / GETTY IMAGES

NFL news

The Eagles have been busy, re-signing free agents Riley Cooper and Jeremy Maclin. Their skill-player corps is set and crowded. LeSean McCoy will be the first option in Chip Kelly's scheme, DeSean Jackson is going to lead in targets and Zach Ertz is a big breakout candidate.

cious move for his box scores. Last year, Safeco Field ranked 21st in adjusted home run rate, while Yankee Stadium was ninth. Additionally, Safeco is especially bad for a left-handed power hitter, as it's 331 feet down the left-field line. Cano was accustomed to 318 feet of the Bronx's friendly confines. And finally, he leaves the pro-

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